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MEMORANDUM

10 May 1956

TO : Chief, ORR 25X1A9a  
Attention: [REDACTED]  
FROM : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
SUBJECT : Itinerary of Extended Summer Leave

1. While I would normally not trouble you with such things as an outline of my leave schedule, I feel that some desks at Headquarters may have an interest. I am planning on five weeks of travel through Europe, Africa, and the Near East, beginning in mid-June (10 June - 15 July).

2. While the trip is designed as a vacation, I will be contacting on a semi-official capacity people with whom I was professionally associated while with the Department of Agriculture or the Economic Cooperation Administration. I plan to bring up in my conversations with these people some of the interests of the agricultural people [REDACTED] e.g., Egyptian-Czech cotton arms deals in terms of amount of cotton involved and time period for delivery, etc., attitudes of Middle East countries to extended Soviet Bloc regional fair activity, e.g. Turkey, Greece, Syria-Lebanon, Egypt, sources of raw materials used by East Germans to complete construction projects promised to Near East countries, e.g. shipyard at Alexandria, Egypt.

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3. Should your people desire any special observations made at any of these locations or questions asked that a person could ask within the framework of such a trip, they should be forwarded to reach me not later than 5 June 1956. There will be no contact with any Agency personnel. [REDACTED] found my Helsinki trip well worth the trouble. This one, however, will be at my own expense. I am still awaiting the visas required for the Near East travel.

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